

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance**

Sunshine Szedeli  
Dana Dmitrich  
Mindy Canova  
Kim Sorensen  
Jeff Beal  
Ted Maestas

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order by Ted Maestas at 5:30pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jeff Beal to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mindy Canova. Motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Kim distributed results from pop up event conducted on August 5 Health and Safety Fair. He stated the results were rather similar when comparing both July 4 Fun Days and Health and Safety Fair. Respondents were given two stickers to determine what two areas were the most important to them concerning the master plan proposal. Results show 87% want to maintain existing Parks and Recreation amenities. It was stated Murray City is at about 50,000 residents currently and within the next ten years will reach approximately 62,000. It is advised the city would need around 100 acres more to accommodate that additional number of residents. Kim allowed the board to peruse the detailed results and informed them he will be meeting with MIG again in November.

Board discussed sports and the utilization of areas in the city. Softball program has diminished and fields are being utilized for Kickball, Volleyball, and Spikeball. Ken Price not being used as much as before. Is there a need to redirect programming interests due to changing trends? Ken Price is scheduled for usage accordingly: 1) Murray City programming/recreation leagues, 2) the high school, 3) leagues that consist

of at least 75% participation stemming from residents and non-profit, 4) outside leagues. Mindy brought up possibility of Ultimate Frisbee program. Frisbee Golf played in various cities to invite patrons to utilize programming in other locations. Kim expressed Cornhole is growing in popularity.

Master plan scheduled to be completed in December.

Board agreed that the master plan is a very beneficial tool to have in place to direct the decisions of council members based on patrons input who utilize Murray City for varying activities.

## **QUESTIONS**

Mindy addressed the citizens who attended the Park board meeting in the Spring (2019) that were frustrated with the soccer program. She asked if there had been a follow up. Kim stated that resolution was addressed through supervision and officiating. Contact was made with the patrons (Bergstrom's) who stated the program had much improved. Mindy's four-year-old is participating in soccer program and she said the program has been conducted very well. Clearly marked fields and attentive staff.

Dana solicited information concerning high density housing being proposed on 4800 S. and State St. Kim stated the city is researching the area, but there are no adopted plans at this time. Dana shared high density housing in other cities has really disintegrated the environment in which it is present.

Jeff questioned why Desert Star does not move to the Wagonmaster building since they are owned by the same person. Dana expressed that would be a great location for the Desert Star theater to move to considering the accommodations it provides through parking and space.

## **MURRAY THEATER UPDATE**

Murray City has contracted with CRSA to design the theater. They have dealt immensely with historical buildings as well as theatrical buildings. The city also has out for bid a request for proposal for a CMGC (Construction Manager General Contractor). The city hires contractor who will be present during the design process who will bid the design as it progresses. The city will then know what to expect from the design and is able to make adjustments as needed and better control costs. Plan for parking at the theater: City hall will be moving so the new agreement, whether with a contractor that obtains the property or with the city itself will make provisions to keep a portion for parking to accommodate the theater's need. RFP for the CMGC opens September 18. Mandatory bid meeting had nine contractors present.

Dana inquired about stipulations being set on who would use the theater and how the rental procedures would be established. Kim stated the theater building design will revolve around its usage. The desire of the Cultural Arts staff would be to equip the theater with a movie projector and a screen along with capability to host dance groups and events that generate revenue. Priorities need to be determined, comfort being one of them. Accommodations need to be for 300-350 people in the theater.

Board members shared the ambiance would be important to the design of the theater. Scheduled opening for theater is January 2021.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The niche scheduled to be put in at the cemetery has finally been placed in agreement with Cold Springs to install. The contractor brings much experience. The niche should be started the next time the Park board meets.

Murray Parkway Golf Course is in the process of aerating. It has had a great summer.

Costco Mural is currently scheduled to be redone by the original artist and will likely be started prior to the next Park Board meeting. Water damage and time have caused it to age quite extensively.

Pickleball has become very popular along with the courts. Cory will continue to observe and research ways to more thoroughly program courts. Patrons have shared their like of the courts due to the shade, lights and location. Dana commented the outdoor fitness equipment is greatly utilized. She also said the Park Center is extremely clean and well cared for. Kim shared new plaster and LED lights have been added to the pool. Mindy shared the cleaning closure worked much more smoothly this year being closed for only a week.

Sunshine stated her kids and their school love to play foursquare. She inquired if there could be an actual recreation program established for foursquare. She has used "four tape" to offer it at the school. She inquired about setting up the program in recreation center gym. Kim stated concern as the Park Center gym can be congested. He suggested areas in the schools. Good to offer in the colder months when soccer and other sports aren't available. Offer program earlier in evening, after school. Indoor Spikeball was another suggestion. Board considering different vacant locations to offer programs. Jeff shared he rented the Sports Authority building and set up nets and cages. Affordable and usable space. No plans for vacant Shopko.

Pavilion project scheduled and desired completion planned for summer 2020. Work has begun on the pump house and they will begin drilling soon. It is north of the softball field. There will be a sound wall installed around it. Parking lot in that area will be redone Fall of 2020.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to end the meeting. Motion was unanimous.